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Transportation Update

July/August 2004

2004 Countywide Transportation Plan Approved

At its July meeting, the CMA approved the final 25-year transportation plan for Alameda County. This plan forms the basis for the Alameda County component of MTC's regional transportation plan. Four public outreach meetings were held in April, one each in Oakland, San Leandro, Union City and Dublin. The Plan includes an investment strategy totaling almost \$1.3 billion. Of this amount, 50% is devoted to maintenance and rehabilitation of the existing transit system and local roads. 23% is set aside for managing the system better and 20% for capacity expansion. By mode, the Plan allocates funds as follows:

- 58% transit
- 18% freeways and interchanges
- 19% local roads
- 5% other

As part of the development of the CWTP, the Board identified several high priority projects that would receive funding off the top and would receive special focus.

These projects are: AC Transit's Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro corridor planned for rapid bus and BRT; the BART Oakland Airport Connector; the BART Warm Springs Extension in Fremont; the I-580 corridor in the Livermore Valley; and the I-680 Sunol Grade corridor. The CMA Board will be receiving quarterly reports on the progress of each of these high priority projects. The first such report was delivered in June for the I-580 and I-680 corridors, including an initial staging plan for the I-580 corridor.

The Plan also includes goals for transit oriented development and establishes criteria to be used when transportation

funding is requested for transit village projects.

Copies of the Plan will be available at the CMA offices following printing. The Plan will be posted on the CMA's website in September.

Draft Local Road Rehab Program Approved

In July the CMA approved \$5.7 million for various local road rehabilitation projects throughout the county. The draft list of the projects to receive funding is available on the CMA's website. A final program will be adopted in September.

California Transportation Commission Approves 2004 STIP

On August 5th the CTC approved the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program. Due to the State fiscal crisis funding for many projects has been delayed, including several in Alameda County. Some projects such as the widening of I-880 at the Mission/Route 262 interchange in Fremont will continue on schedule with ACTA advancing Measure B funds. Other projects will be delayed from 2 to 4 years. Unlike normal STIP cycles in the past, no new projects will be added in the 2004 STIP. A complete listing of the new STIP is available at the CMA offices.

I-680 SMART Carpool Lane Update

AB 2032 (Dutra) continues to move through the Legislative process. This bill would authorize high occupancy toll lane projects in several counties in California including one on the I-680 Sunol Grade.

Last year the CMA Board authorized staff to pursue a project on the I-680 Sunol Grade to test the viability of a high occupancy toll lane. This SMART carpool lane demonstration would permit single occupant vehicles to use the carpool lane for a fee. Carpools, vanpools and busses would still go free. Alameda County's transportation sales tax program, Measure B, includes funding for such a demonstration. In February, the CMA authorized staff to contract with consultants to assist with this project and to work with Caltrans on the design of the carpool lanes to assure that the demonstration project can be accommodated. If the CMA secures Legislative authorization for this demonstration project, full engineering will begin.

Starting the SMART Carpool Lane demonstration project will however depend on the construction schedule for the underlying carpool lane project. The State fiscal crisis has delayed transportation funding. The Sunol Grade project has been slipped by the CTC to a construction start in 2007-8, which will likely delay the opening of the SMART Carpool Lane demonstration project, perhaps to as late as 2010.

Project "At Risk" Report Available

A report on the status of state and federally funded projects in Alameda County was presented to the CMA in July. This report indicates which projects need attention in order to meet the state and federal deadlines. A copy of the report is available on the CMA website.

Deadlines to Note

2004 Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) & 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

<i>Draft RTP</i>	<i>December 2004</i>
<i>Final RTP</i>	<i>January 2005</i>

Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA): Regional Program

<i>Air District Draft Program</i>	<i>September 2004</i>
<i>Final Program</i>	<i>October 2004</i>

Upcoming Meetings

<i>August</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>CMA Technical Advisory Committee (Special Meeting)</i>
	<i>4/5</i>	<i>CTC (Sacramento)</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>8</i>	<i>San Pablo Policy Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>13</i>	<i>CMA Administration & Legislation Committee</i>
	<i>13</i>	<i>CMA Plans & Programs Committee</i>
	<i>15/16</i>	<i>CTC (Sacramento)</i>
	<i>23</i>	<i>CMA Board Meeting</i>

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